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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

A FLUFFY FIRST - CHICKLES!

Meet Sonic's new feathery friend, **Chickles** in the nest eggdition of *STC!* The Freedom Fighters are put in a scramble when a strange alien egg lands in the Mushroom Omelette Zone! **Chickles** stuns Badniks with his power pecks and Doctor Robotnik gets up to his usual fowl deeds.

Hey, Boomers!

APRIL FOOL! I tried to stop them, but the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge thought they'd try and catch you out with the spoof front cover and character above. I know you weren't really fooled so let's just humour them!

This issue is also a cracking Easter eggstravaganza, so be warned, there's cheep yolks ahead. Don't believe me? Well, there's an eggcellent complete Sonic story, Smokey and the Badnik. Knuckles and Captain Plunder have an uneggspected surprise on board the Ghost Ship! The new Shining Force comes together in Part 3 of the eggceedingly good series, plus, it's out of the frying pan and into the fire for Tails in Fox on the Run.

There's also some of your eggsceptional drawings, a hoppening Splats Badnik pin-up and an Eggo, I mean Ecco in The Tides of Time Q Zone Special.

I must eggsit now, but remember, keep reading *STC!* You know you can't beat it!

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COMPLETE STORY

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Smokey and the Badnik

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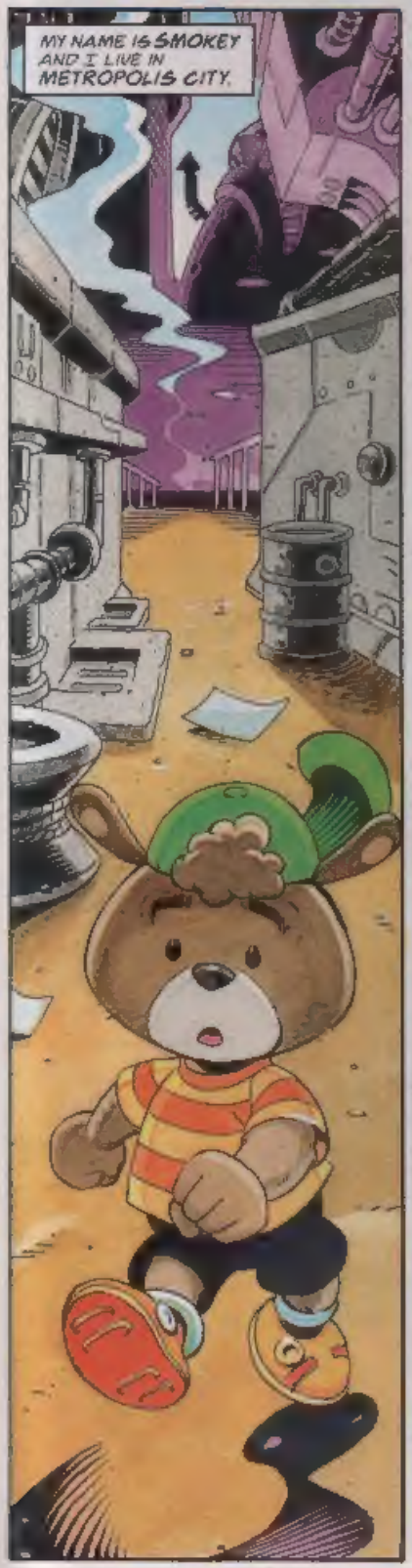
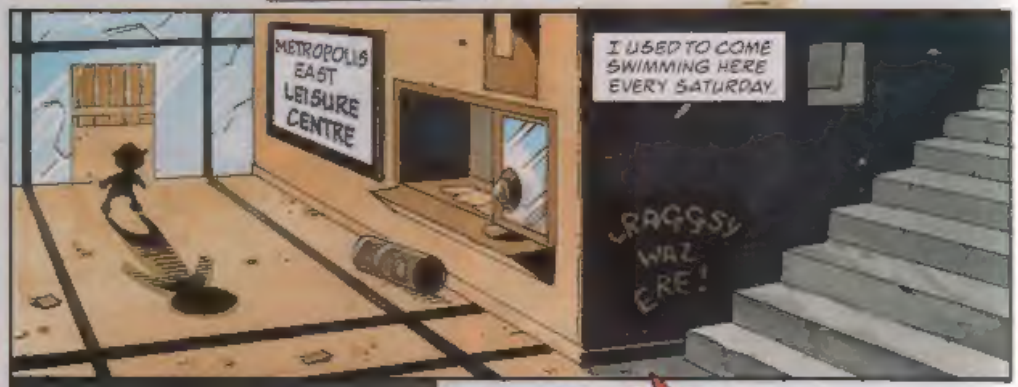
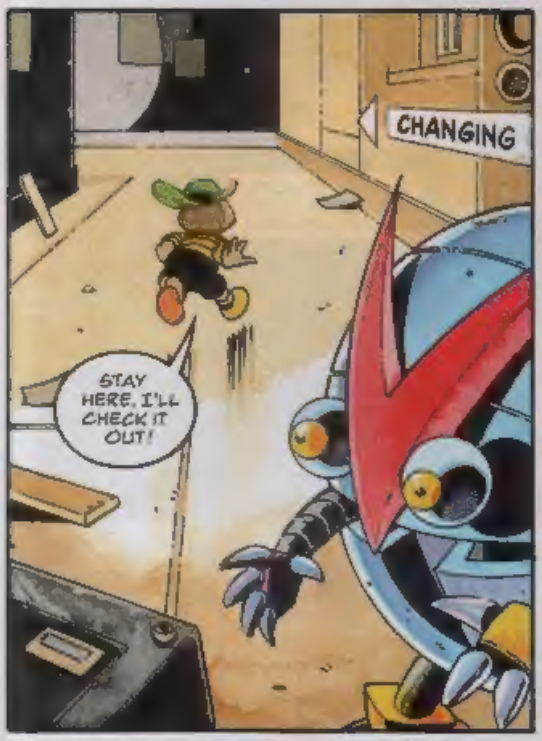




HEY, THERE YOU ARE!

SORRY I'M LATE, BADNIK OLD BUDDY, BUT...
SAY, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?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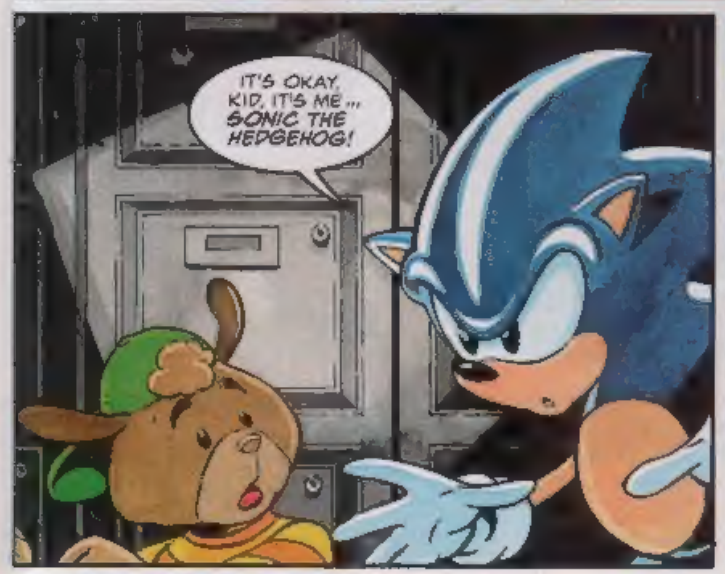
STAY HERE. I'LL CHECK IT OUT!

OH


IT'S OKAY, KID. IT'S ME... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

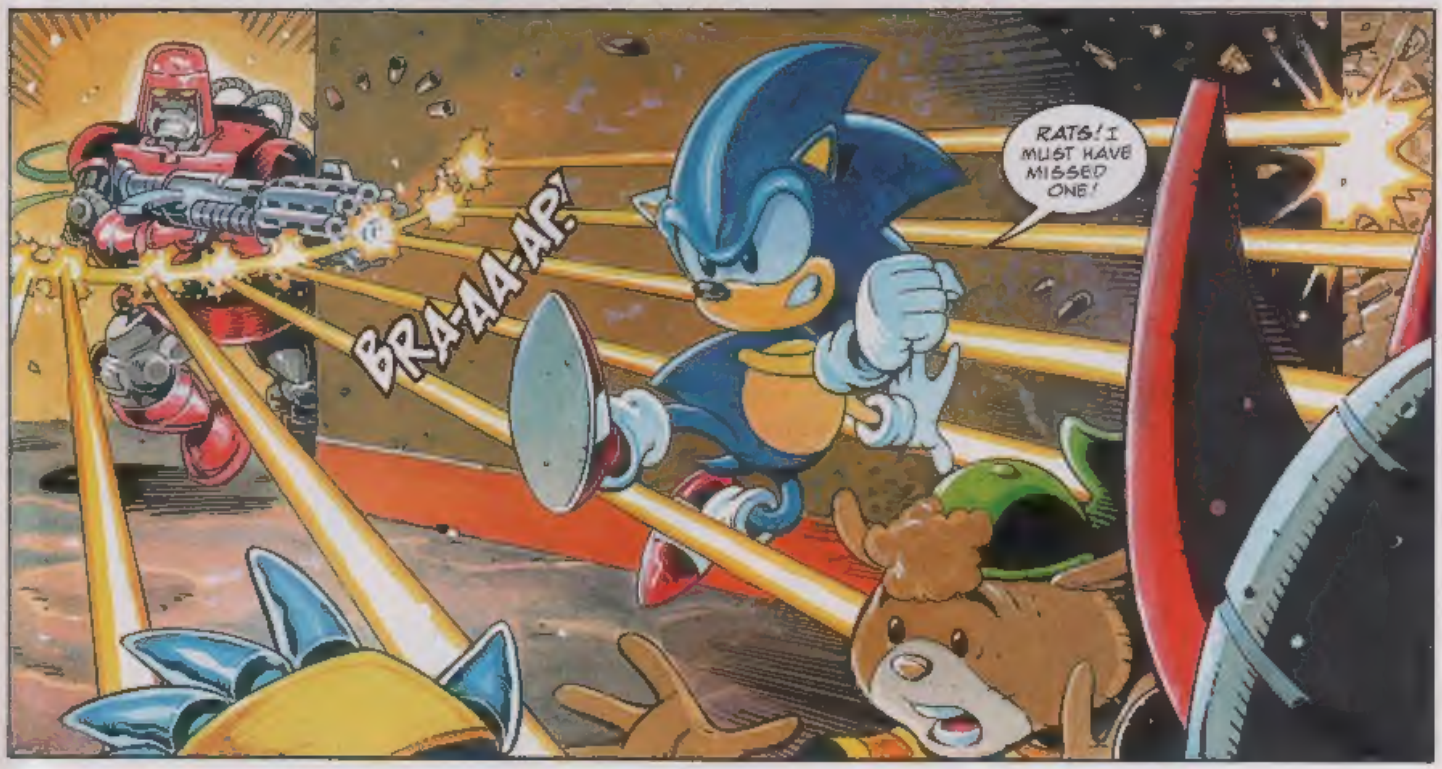
I'M ON THE TRAIL OF A BADNIK! YOU SEEN ANYTHING?
UH... NOPE.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE.
RUN FOR IT, KID! IT'S ME THEY WANT!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BADNIK, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
IF SONIC FINDS YOU, IT'LL BE ALL OVER FOR US!

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT!
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE KID AND GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T PANIC, KID... JUST BACK AWAY FROM THE BADNIK!

SONIC... NO...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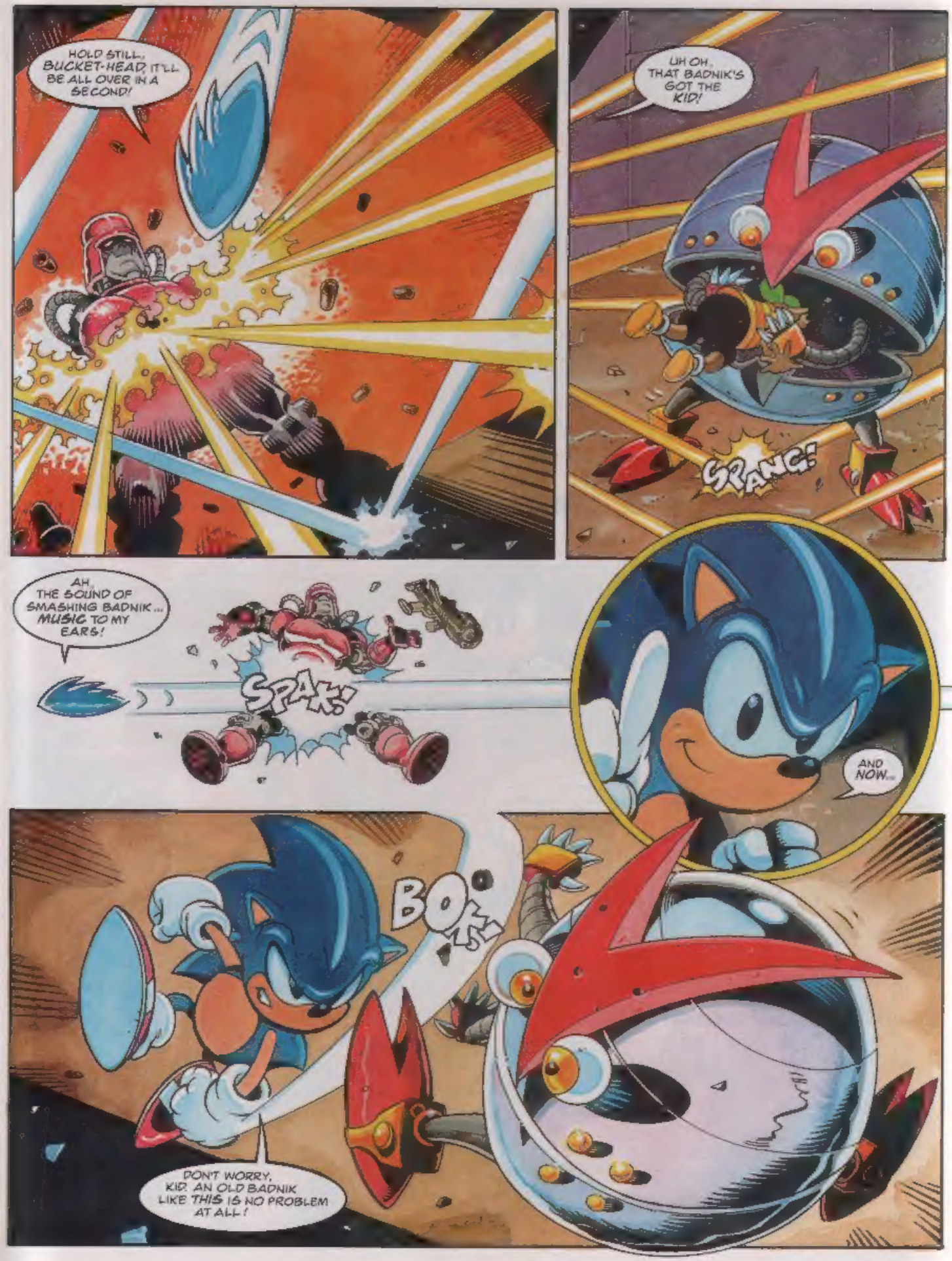
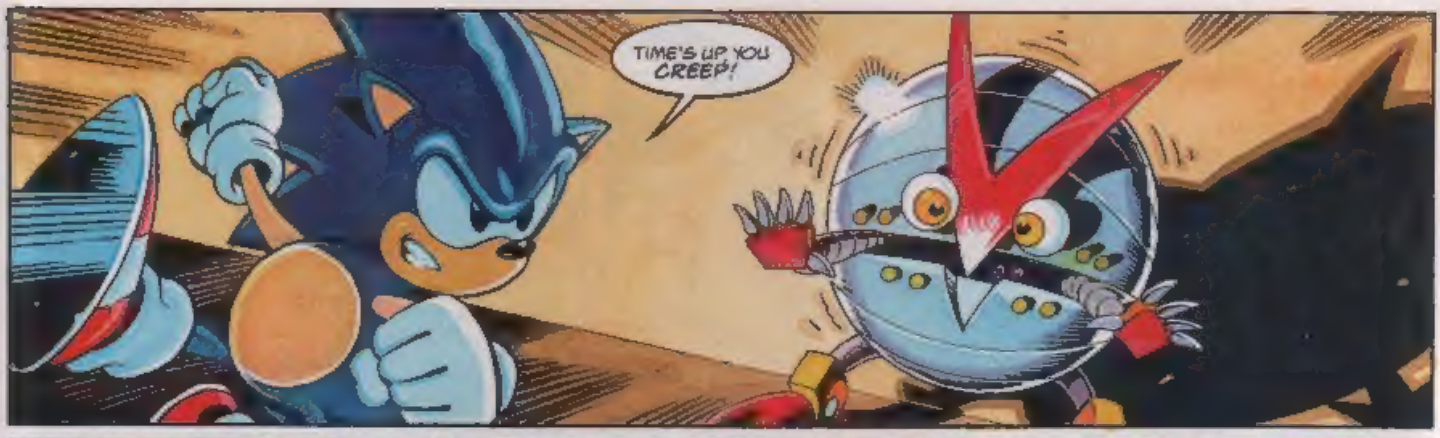
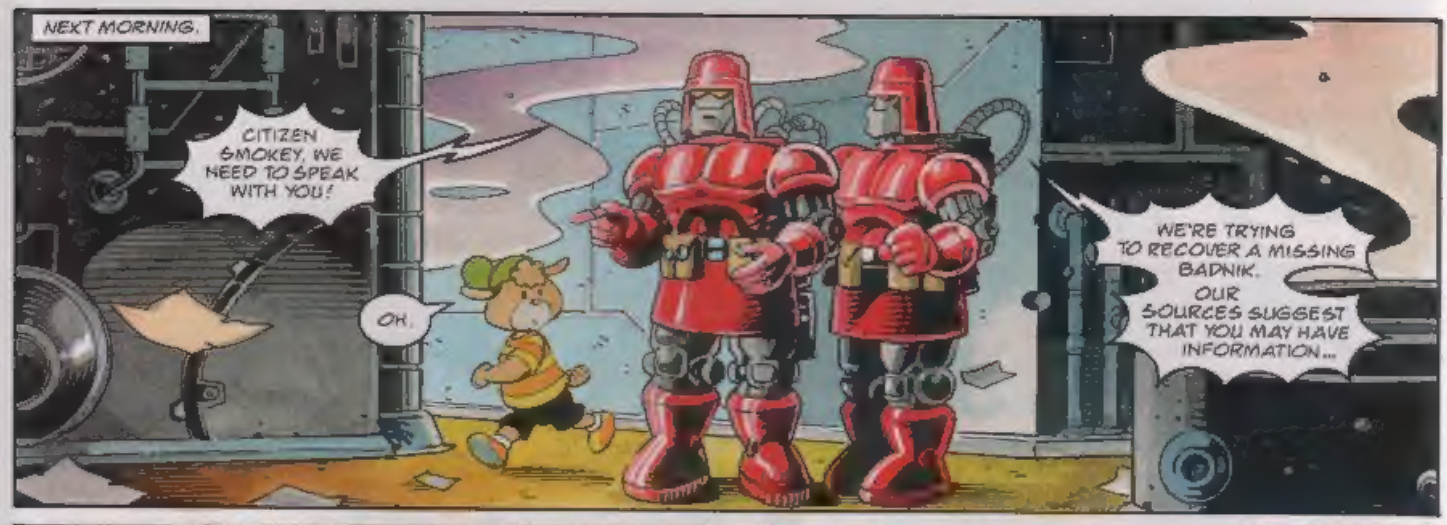
RATS! I MUST HAVE MISSED ONE!


HOLD STILL, BUCKET-HEAD, IT'LL BE ALL OVER IN A SECOND!
UH OH, THAT BADNIK'S GOT THE KID!
SPANG!
AH, THE SOUND OF SMASHING BADNIK... MUSIC TO MY EARS!
SPAK!
AND NOW...
BO
DON'T WORRY, KID. AN OLD BADNIK LIKE THIS IS NO PROBLEM AT ALL!



YOUR FRIEND? NO WAY, KID!

NOBODY KNOWS BADNIKS LIKE I DO... THEY'RE A MENACE! NOW STAND ASIDE!



NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG DECISION!

GRAPHIC ZONE

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I'm all ears!

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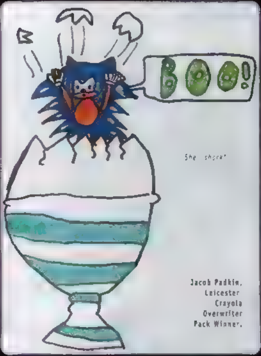

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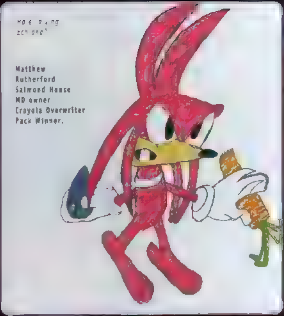

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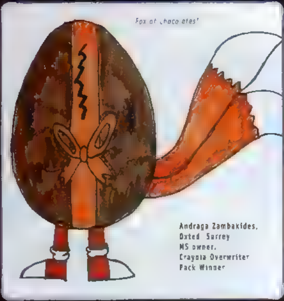

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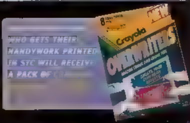
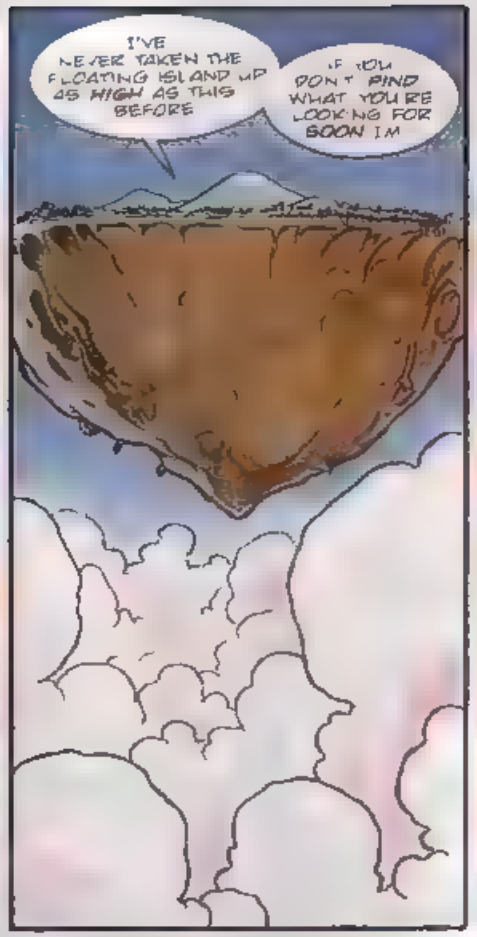
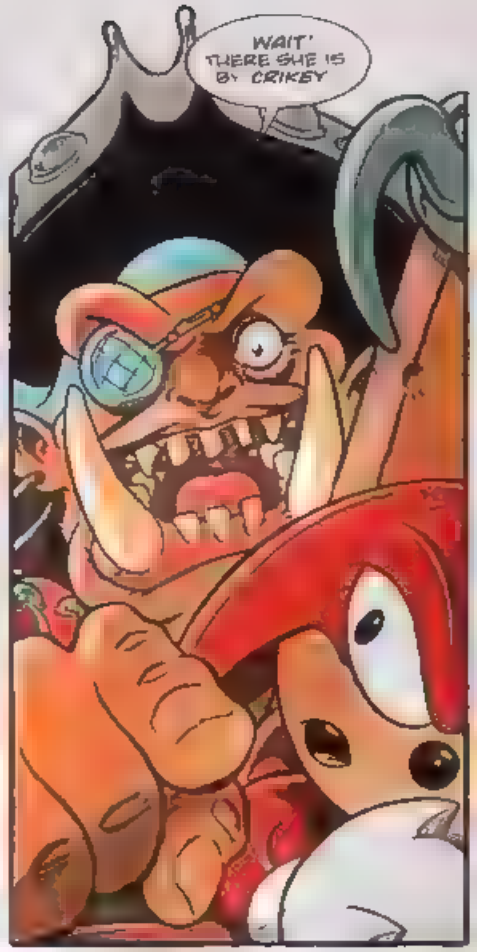
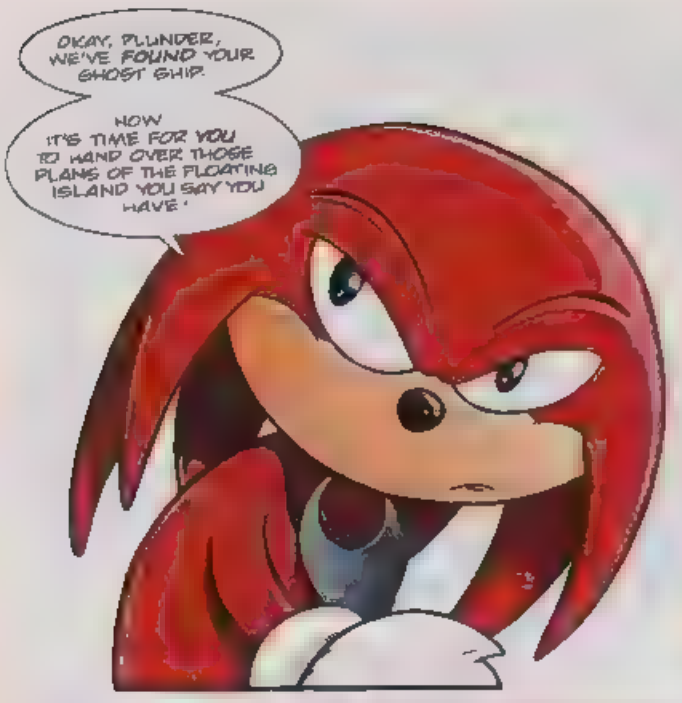


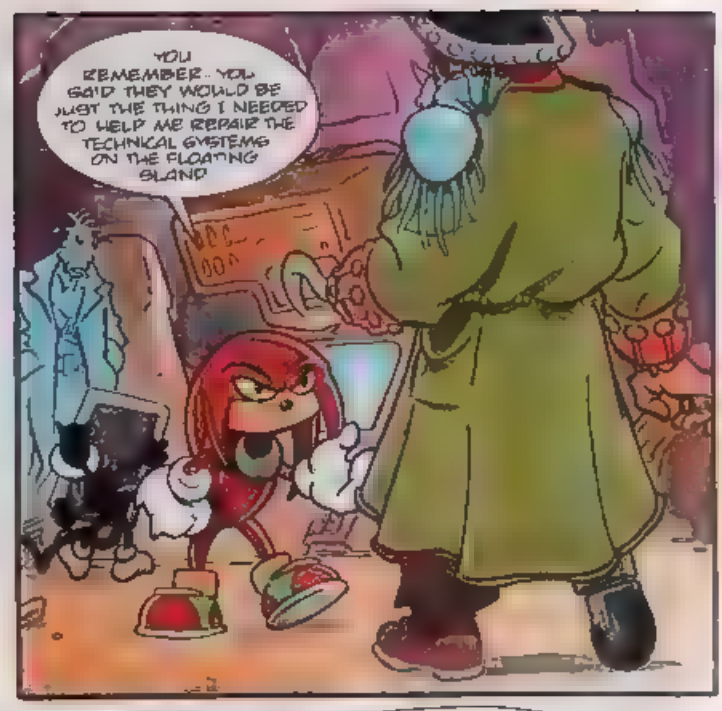
KEEP GOING KNUCKLES I'M BE NEARLY THERE
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT CAPTAIN

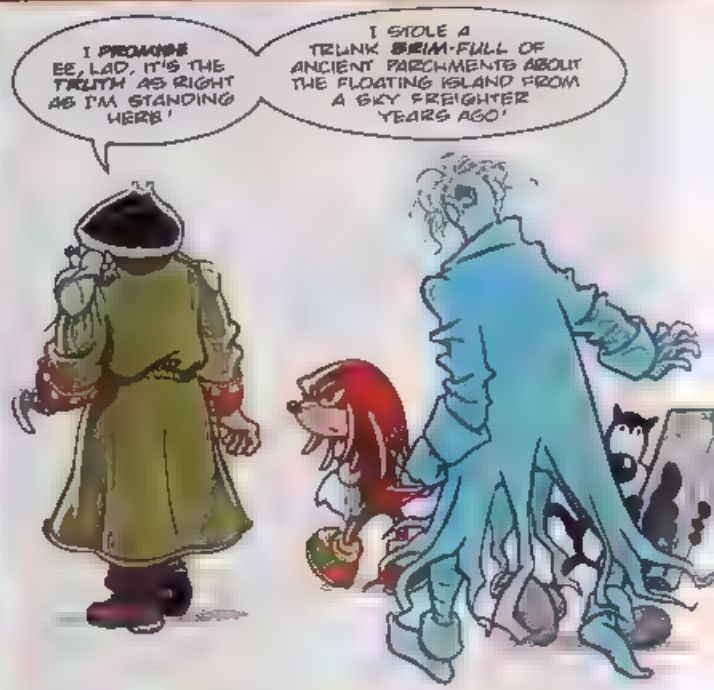

I'VE NEVER TAKEN THE FLOATING ISLAND UP AS HIGH AS THIS BEFORE
IF YOU DON'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOON I'M

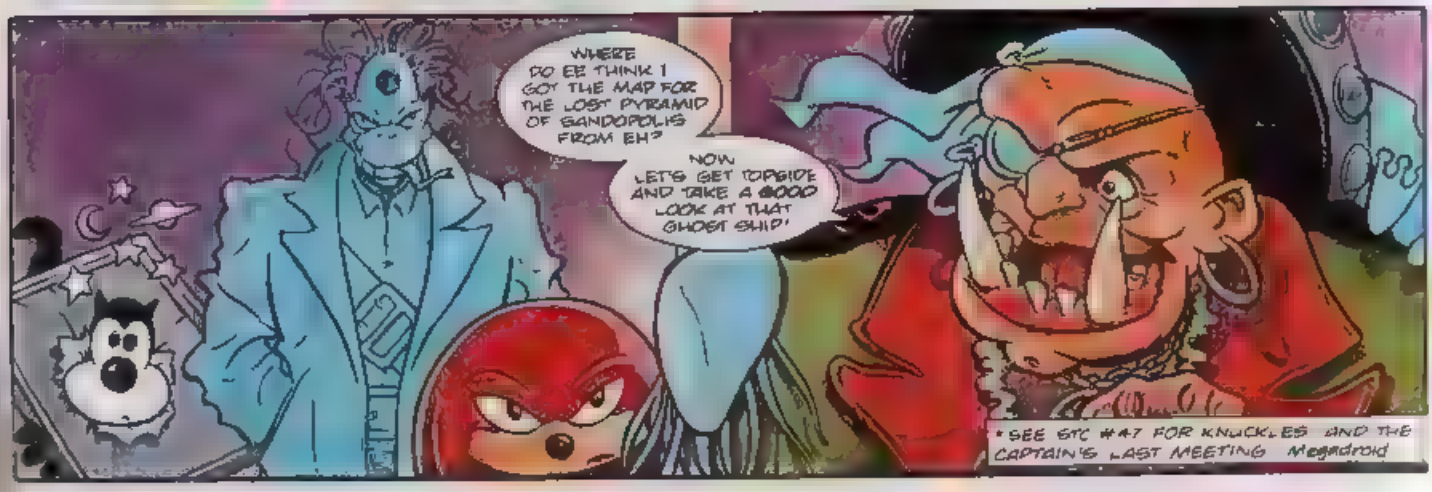

WAIT! THERE SHE IS BY CRIKEY

THE GHOST SHIP OF TANTARAGOR!
KNUCKLES
The GHOST SHIP
Letterer: ELITTA FELL









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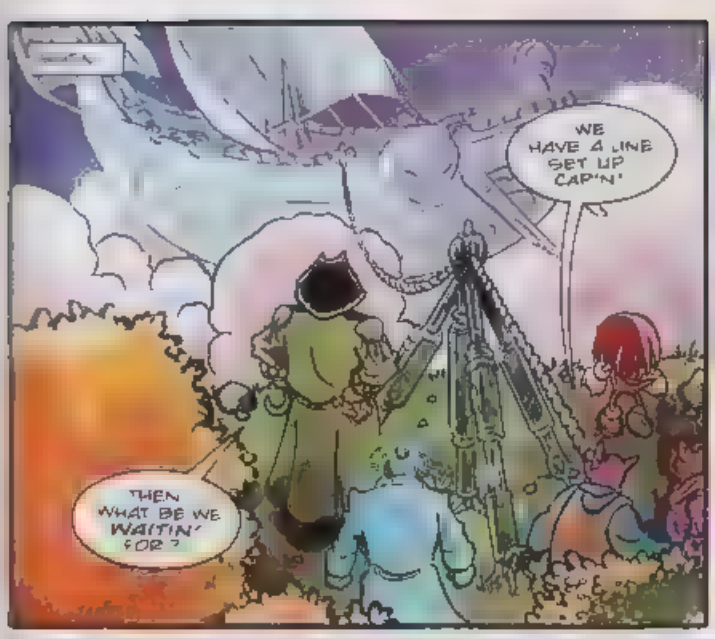
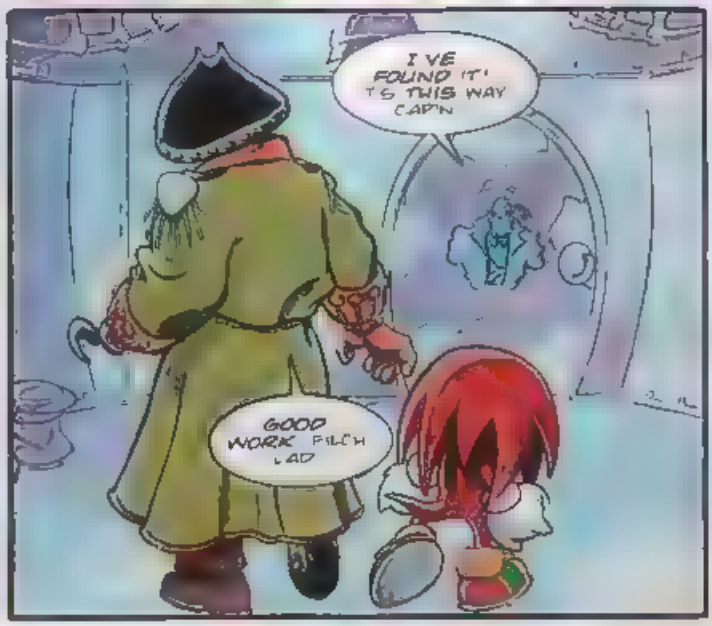

WE HAVE A LINE SET UP CAP'N'
THEN WHAT BE WE WAITIN' FOR?

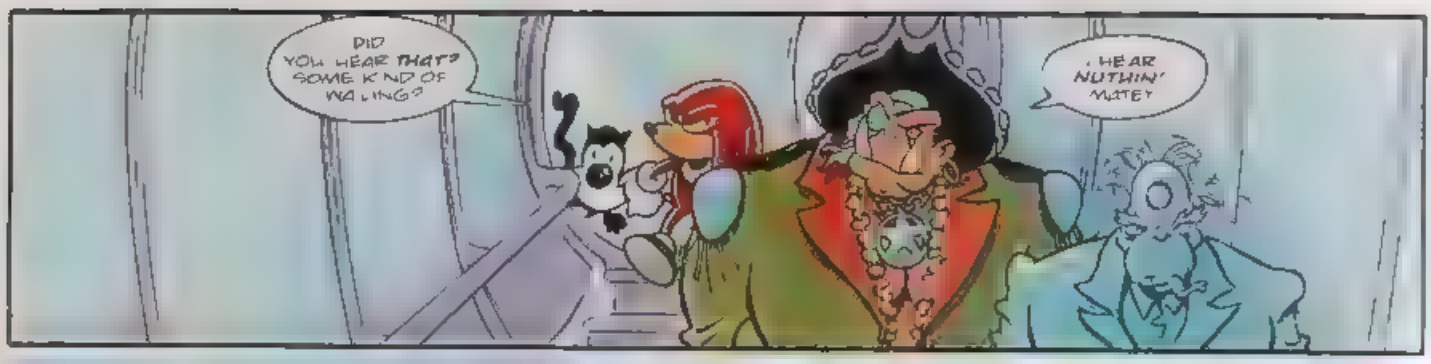
LET'S GO!

KNUCKLES WE DON'T BE NEEDIN ANY HELP LAD
I JUST WANT TO KEEP MY EYE ON THINGS THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS

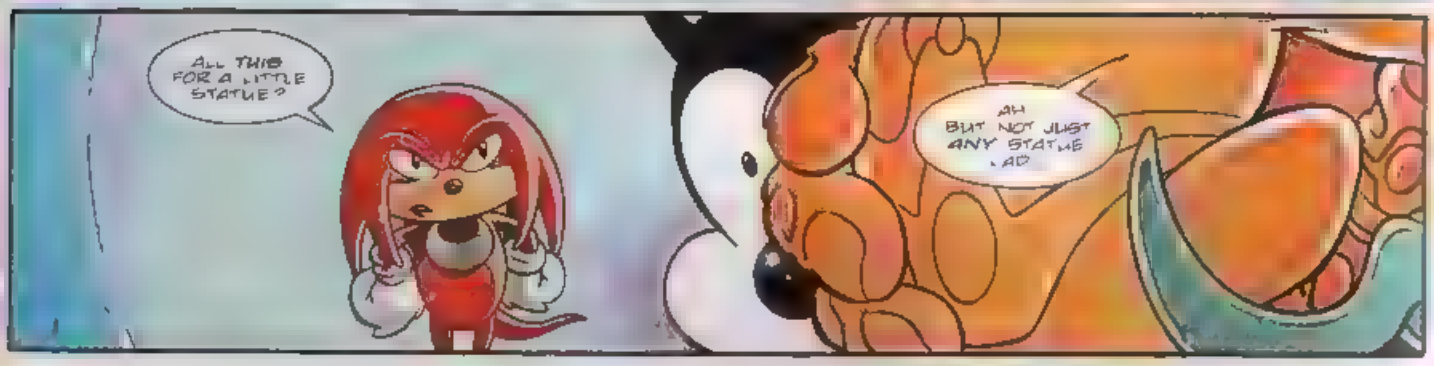
NOBODY ON BOARD CAP'N
SPREAD THE WORD GRAB WHATEVER EE CAN FIND THEY MAY BE BACK ANY MINUTE
THEY?

YOU SAID THIS WAS A DESERTED GHOST SHIP PLUNDER!
AYE WELL THAT'S SORT OF TRUE
'SORT OF TRUE'?


I'VE FOUND IT! IT'S THIS WAY CAP'N
GOOD WORK FILCH LAD


DID YOU HEAR THAT? SOME KIND OF WAILING?
I HEAR NUTHIN' MATE!

IS THIS WHAT YOU BE LOOKIN FOR CAPIN?
AYE THAT'T BE FLCH
THE TANTARAGOR IDOL!


ALL THIS FOR A LITTLE STATUE?
AH BUT NOT JUST ANY STATUE LAD

AIIEEEEEE!
WHAT? THAT CAME FROM THE DECK.
I THINK OUR LUCK BE JUST ABOUT TO RUN OUT

I HAVEN'T TOLD EE ABOUT THEM!

THEY HAVE REMOVED THE DOL

NO MATTER FOR NOW THEY ARE ALL OUR SLAVES

NEXT ISSUE SLAVES!

SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE OF ZEON

BARON [illegible] FOR [illegible] ZYON [illegible] WHERE HE WE[illegible]

MAXIMILLIAN [illegible] IS [illegible] VERY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR [illegible] ZEON IN THE ABYSS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!

SO, KADAVAAR YOU SERVE MY OLD FOE. DO YOU?

WELL, BEFORE YOU KILL ME THERE'S JUST ONE THING I WANT TO DO

GRANDFATHER, WHAT ARE YOU?

ALL RIGHT KADAVAAR, LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!

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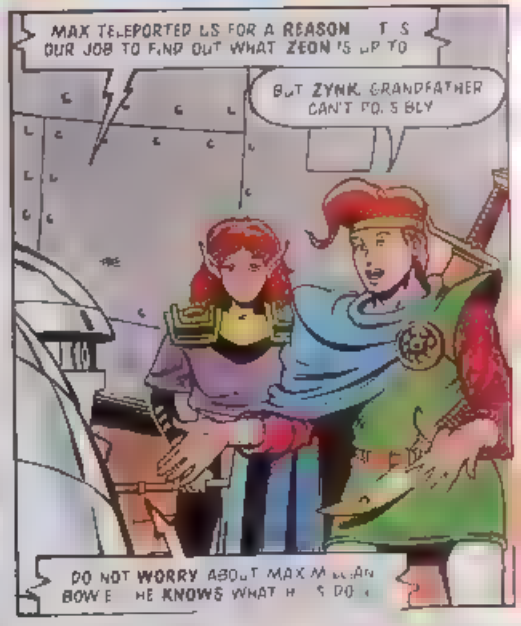
FRSSSSH!
WHA?

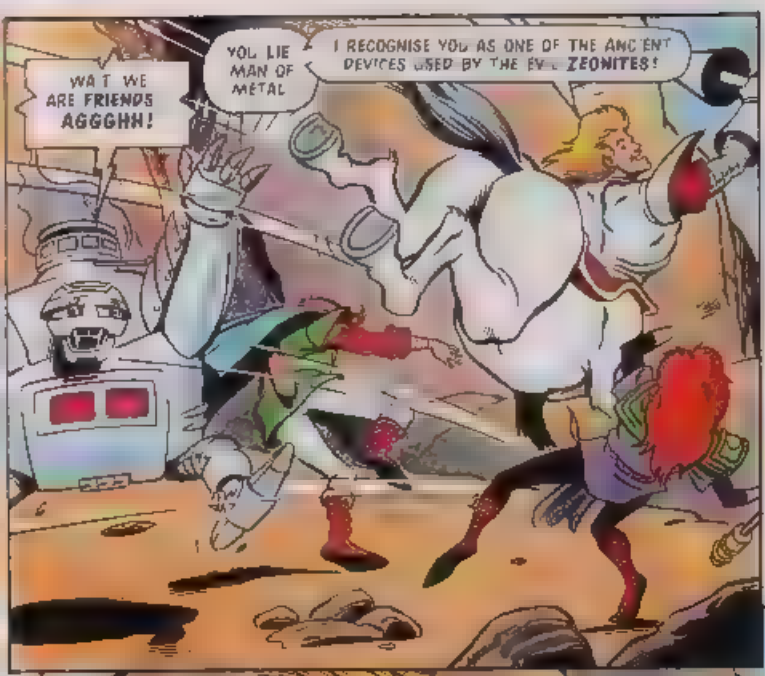
COME ON WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MAXIM LIAN! HE CAN'T STAND UP TO SOMEONE LIKE KADAVAAR.
TAYA WAIT!


MAX TELEPORTED US FOR A REASON IT IS OUR JOB TO FIND OUT WHAT ZEON IS UP TO
BUT ZYNK, GRANDFATHER CAN'T PO. S BLY
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT MAX M LIAN BOWE HE KNOWS WHAT H S DO

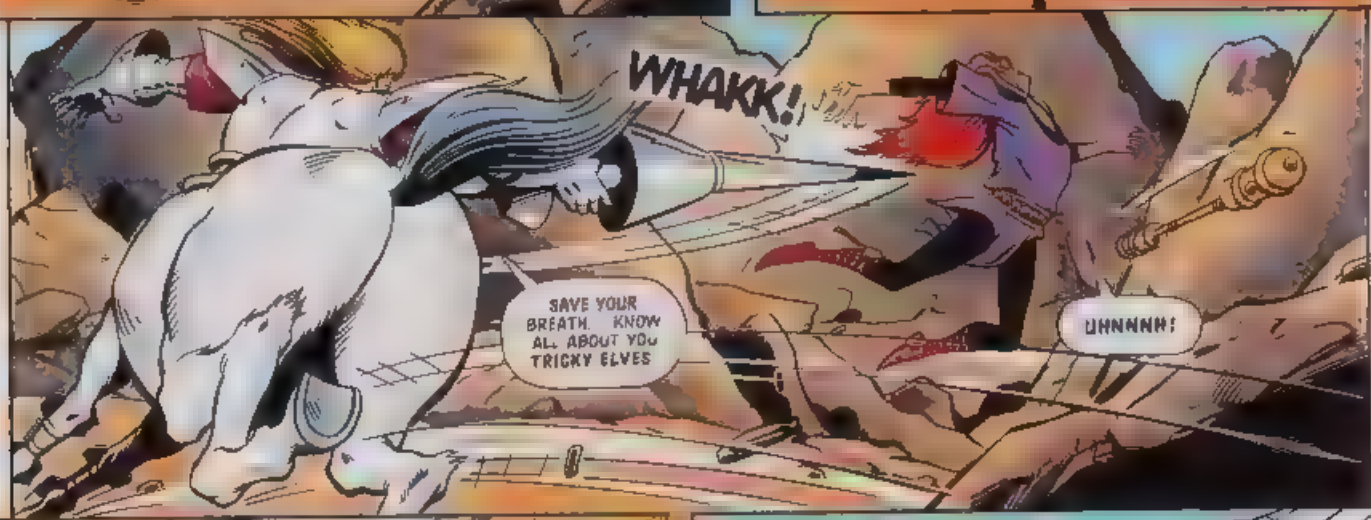
MEANWHILE, IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG BENEATH RIBBLE
THESE TREASURES NOW BELONG TO US, THE FOLLOWERS OF ZEON!

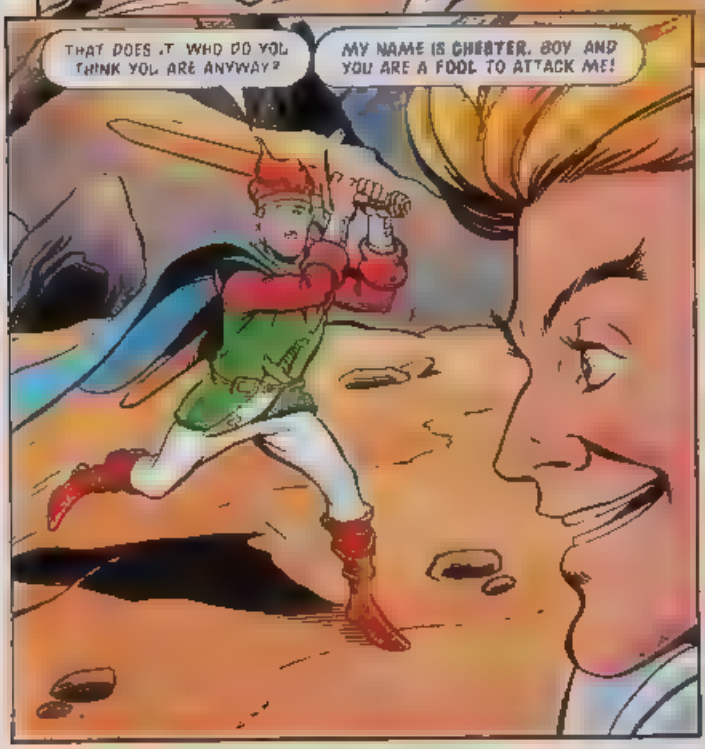
SOON WE W L LEARN HOW TO USE THE MAGIC IN THESE ANCIENT OBJECTS

BEFORE LONG, ZEON WILL BE RELEASED FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT AND ON THAT DAY ALL THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE
IT IS A SIX HOUR FLIGHT TO THE VILLAGE OF HASSAN
THERE IS NO ROOM TO LAND IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF . WILL HAVE TO PUT DOWN ON THE OUTSKIRTS
WHAT MAKES GRANDFATHER THINK WE'LL FIND HELP IN A DUMP LIKE HASSAN?
MAXIMILLIAN AND THE REST OF THE ORIGINAL SHINING FORCE VISITED THIS PLACE IN THE OLD DAYS
HASSAN IS THE HOME OF A MIGHTY WARRIOR RACE
STOP VILLAINS YOU WILL GO NO FURTHER!

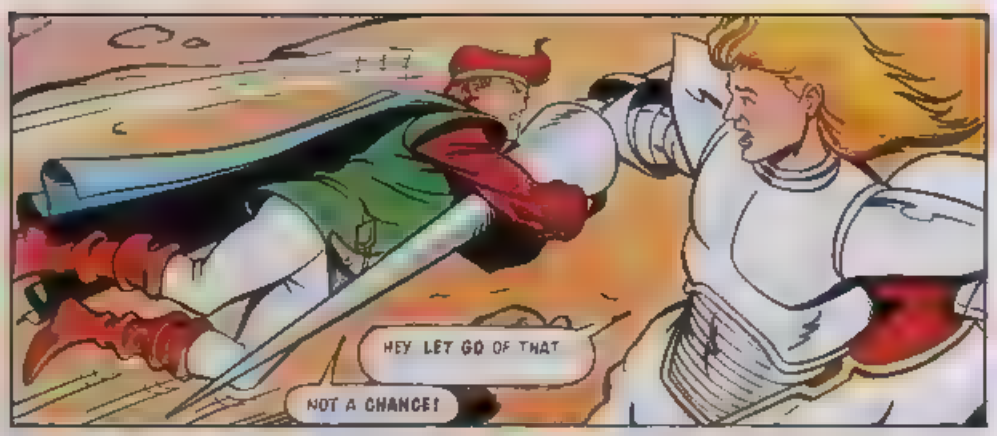

WAIT! WE ARE FRIENDS AGGGHH!
YOU LIE MAN OF METAL
I RECOGNISE YOU AS ONE OF THE ANCIENT DEVICES USED BY THE EVIL ZEONITES!

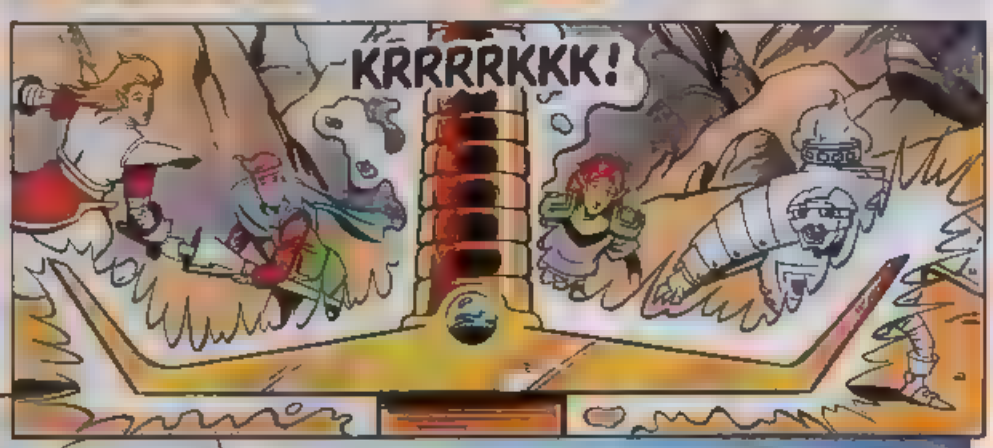
NO. WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE! THE ZEONITES ARE OUR ENEMY. BARON KADAVAAR HIMSELF TRIED TO

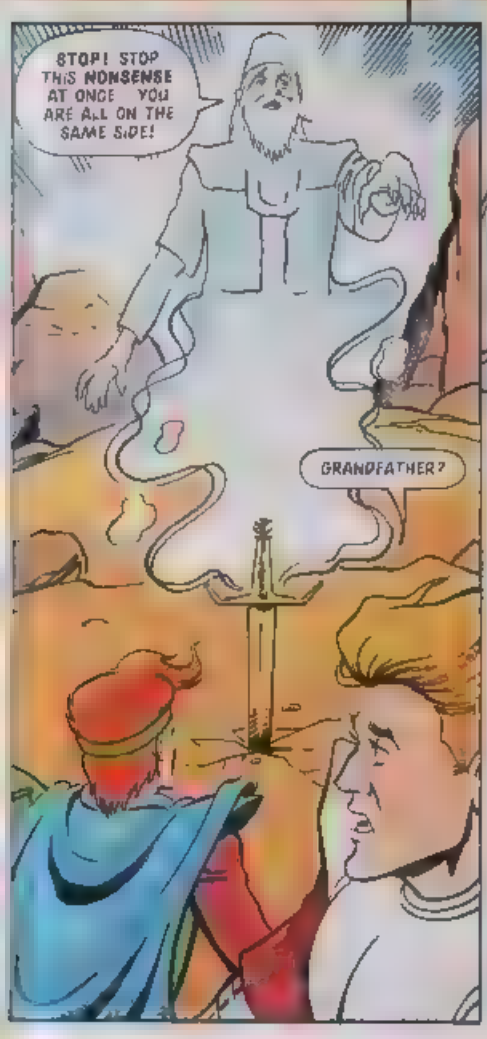

WHAKK!
SAVE YOUR BREATH. I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU TRICKY ELVES
UHNNNH!


THAT DOES IT! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ANYWAY?
MY NAME IS CHESTER, BOY AND YOU ARE A FOOL TO ATTACK ME!

CHANGG!
AAAH!







NEXT ISSUE THE MAGIC OF THE ANCIENTS!

Q ZONE

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Q IS FOR QUERY.
Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

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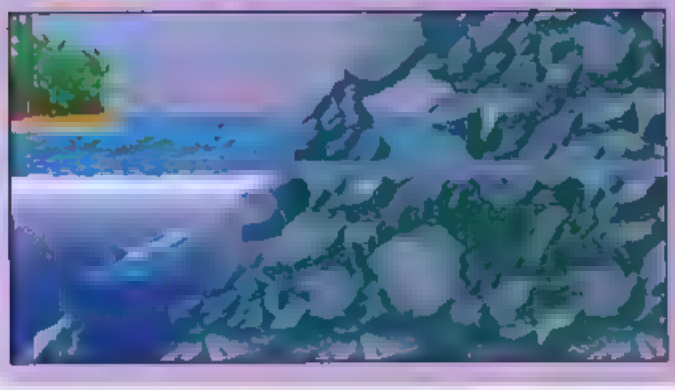
THE TIDES OF TIME

MD MEGA DRIVE

Chris Jones is on hand for help with Ecco: The Tides of Time



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3 [illegible] Zone	ESKDLCZA	MEDRXGZA
4 [illegible]	TAMHOZYA	CPKQXXY
5 Sky[illegible]	[illegible]SLEKODB	[illegible]MPISKDB
6 Sky [illegible]	M[illegible]JXQDJDB	ESAQYWCB
7 [illegible] Medusa	CZXPCEZA	ACHILJYA
8 Aq[illegible]	[illegible]ard only	[illegible]ANGYNY

LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS Easy/Default	Hard
10. Fin to Feather	[illegible]	[illegible]
11. Eagle's Bay	[illegible]	[illegible]
12. Asterite's Cave	[illegible]	[illegible]
13. Maze of Stone	[illegible]	[illegible]
14. Four Islands	[illegible]	[illegible]
15. Sea of Darkness	[illegible]	[illegible]
16. Vents of Medusa	[illegible]	[illegible]
17. Gateway	[illegible]	[illegible]
18. Sea of Green	N/A	N/A
19. Moray Abyss	[illegible]	[illegible]
20. Sea of Birds	[illegible]	[illegible]
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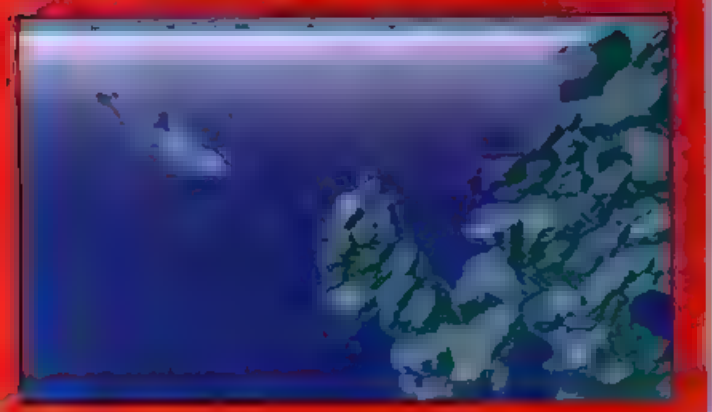
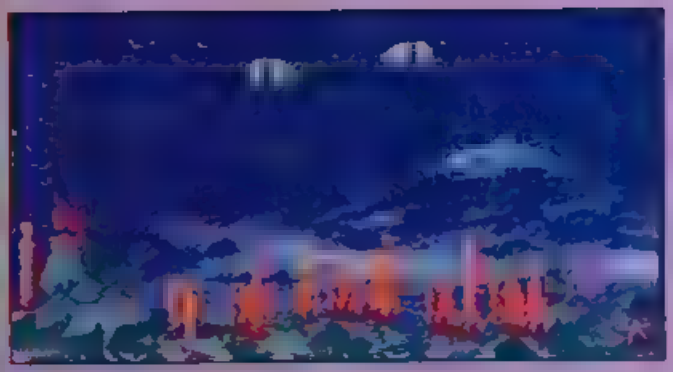




LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS Easy/Default	Hard
24. The Hungry Ones	WZWJBBJE	YCRVOFJE
25. Secret Cave	GPHMFQOE	MQRHCRPE
26. Lunar Bay	SLAMEQOE	QLOXCRPE
27. Black Clouds	SVXBQOKE	ASXAYKLE
28. Gravitorbox	YEYCQBJE	ODJTGAKE
29. Globe Holder	EQVITGJE	GJMRGAKE
30. Dark Sea	IVSRBWDA	QTBRPWAA
31. New Machine	*hard only*	CEWXDYHA
32. Vortex Queen	WOWTKBDA	KICHPWAA
33. Home Bay (2nd Time	N/A	N/A
34. Epilogue	GIPZZGBA	YBQETFBA
35. Atlantis	EPODJZHA	ITHLPBIA
36. Fish City	OOTKGDFA	CYOFJSBA
37. City of Forever	WYFTOXKA	EPWXFJA

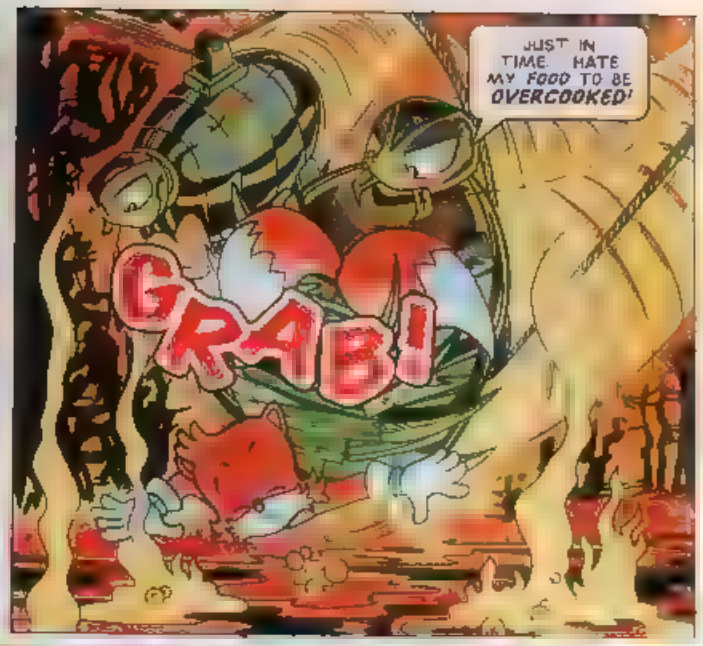
This one may be a bit tricky but don't despair. To get a menu for **stage select** and **invincibility** pause the game with Ecco facing you and press **A, B, C, B, C, A, C, A** and **B**

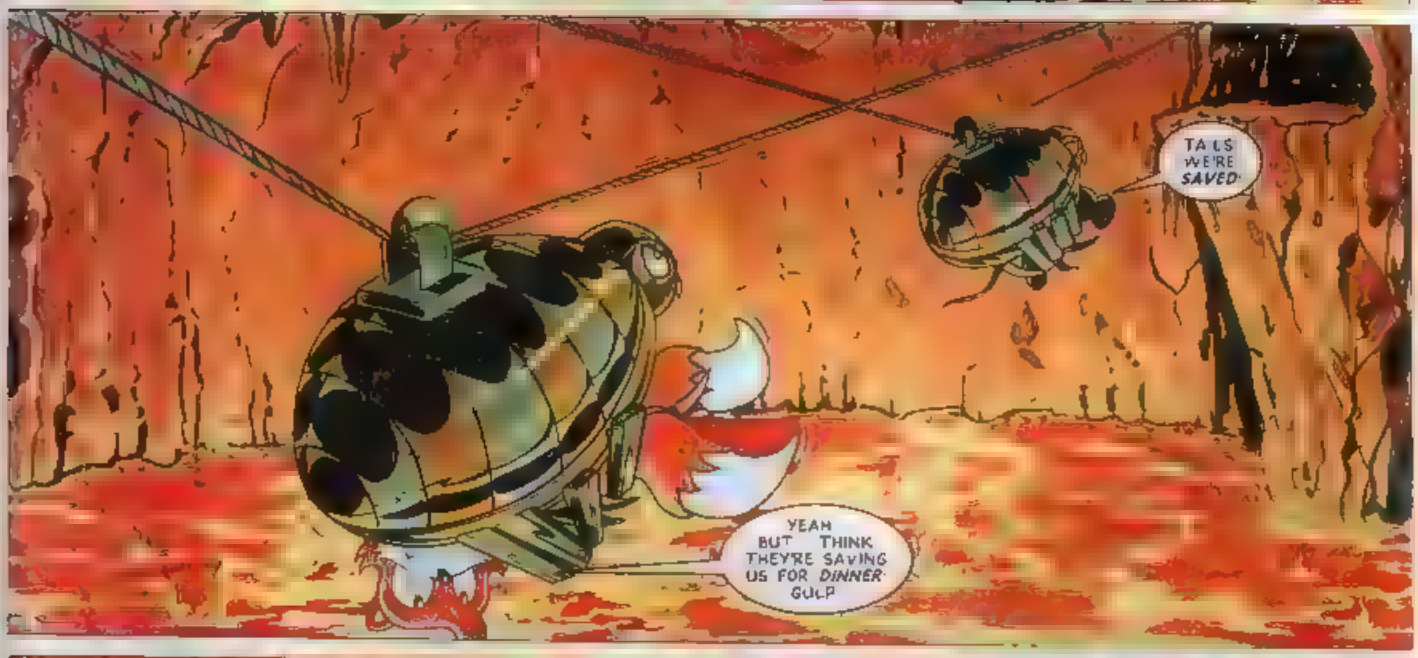
THE END

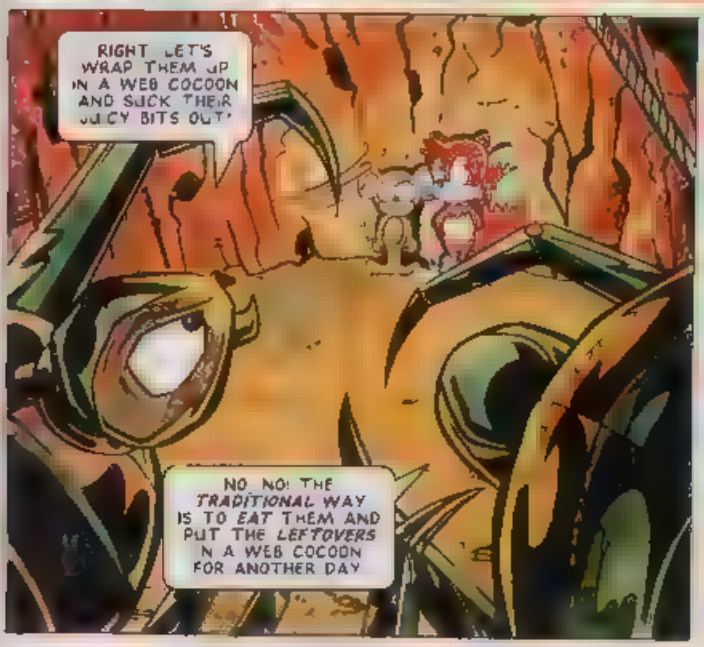
NEXT ISSUE: A PLUNGE INTO THE PAST WITH THE ORIGINAL **ECCO** *GAME.*

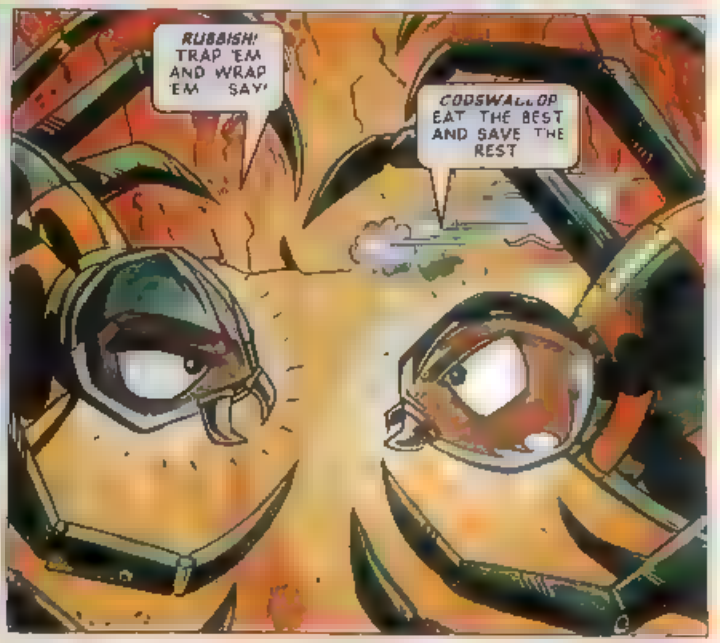
TAILS!
FOX ON THE RUN
TAILS IS HELPING TANTRUM THE MOUSE GET BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE PURSUED BY FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER, THE CAPTURE OF TAILS COULD GAIN HIM A BIG REWARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
THOSE DANG CRITTERS MIGHT BE UNDERGROUND BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME, THANKS TO THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER! AH KIN DETECT THEIR BODY HEAT ANYWHERE!
WHU P DARN SCANNERS ON TH' BLINK! MUST BE MIGHTY HOT DOWN WHERE TA..S IS!
IN THE CAVERNS BELOW, TAILS AND TANTRUM FACE DEADLY DANGER AS THEY FALL TOWARDS A RED HOT LAVA LAKE
TAILS FOX JS OUTTA HERE
UHHH CAN'T TOO TIRED

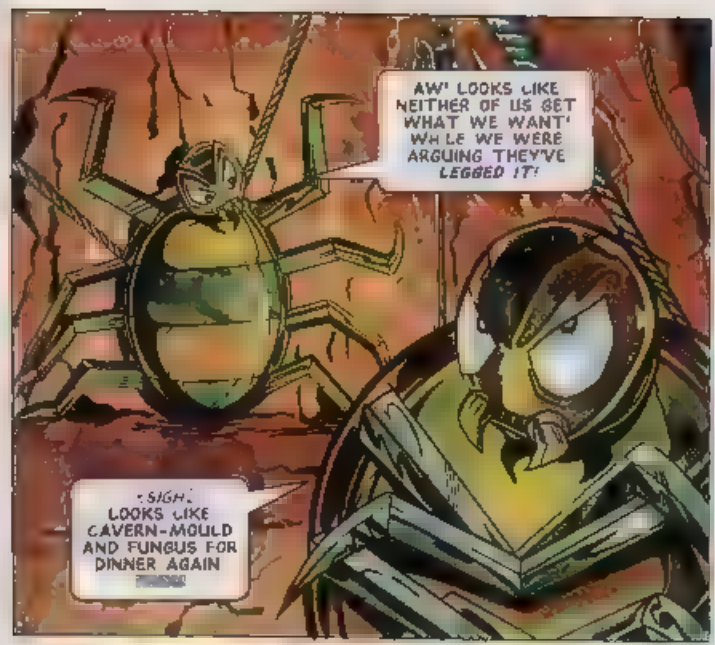
DINNER TIME
YUM YUM


JUST IN TIME. I HATE MY FOOD TO BE OVERCOOKED!
GRAB!

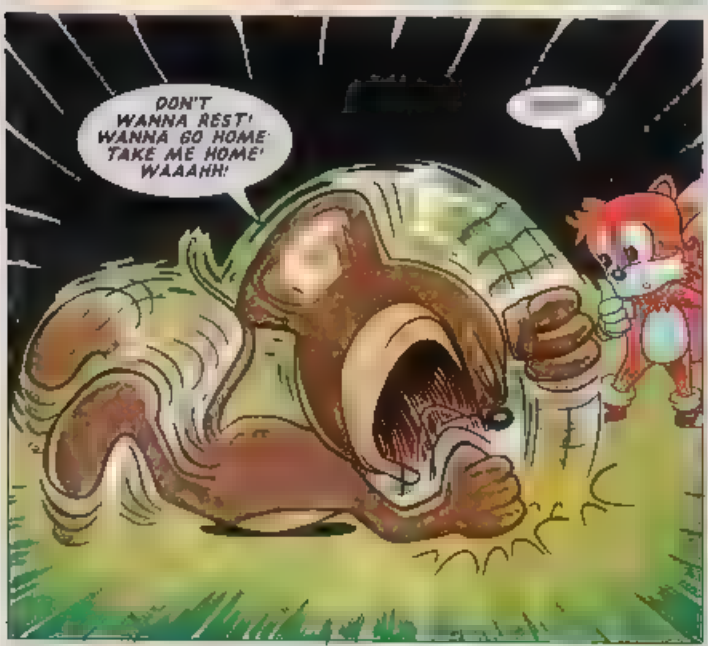

TALS WE'RE SAVED!
YEAH BUT I THINK THEY'RE SAVING US FOR DINNER! GULP

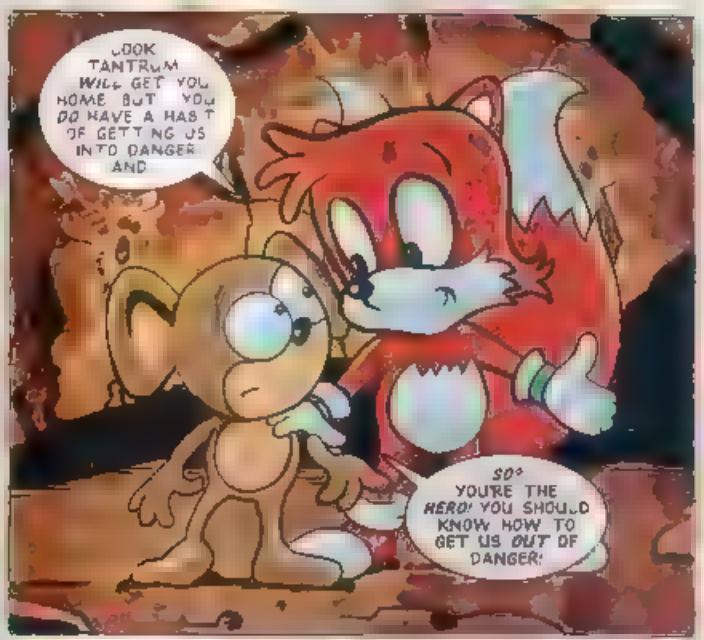

RIGHT LET'S WRAP THEM UP IN A WEB COCOON AND SUCK THEIR JUICY BITS OUT!
NO NO! THE TRADITIONAL WAY IS TO EAT THEM AND PUT THE LEFTOVERS IN A WEB COCOON FOR ANOTHER DAY

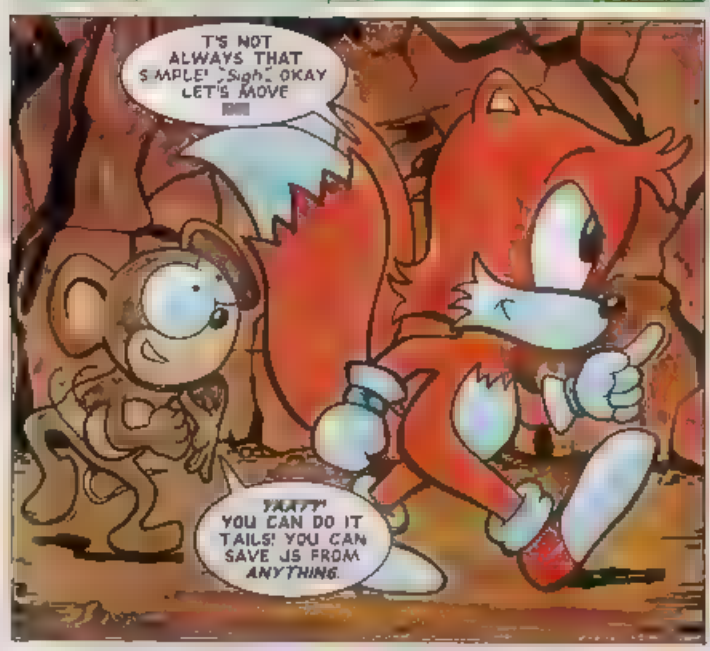

RUBBISH! TRAP 'EM AND WRAP 'EM I SAY!
CODSWALLOP EAT THE BEST AND SAVE THE REST


AW! LOOKS LIKE NEITHER OF US GET WHAT WE WANT! WHILE WE WERE ARGUING THEY'VE LEGGED IT!
SIGH. LOOKS LIKE CAVERN-MOULD AND FUNGUS FOR DINNER AGAIN

I THINK WE GAVE THEM THE SLIP. WE CAN HAVE A REST NOW!

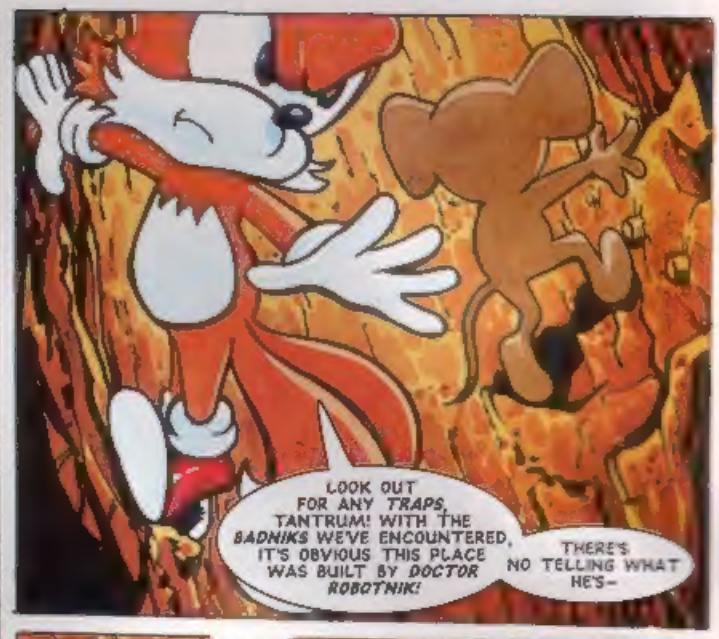

DON'T WANNA REST! WANNA GO HOME! TAKE ME HOME! WAAAHH!


LOOK TANTRUM WILL GET YOU HOME BUT YOU DO HAVE A HABIT OF GETTING US INTO DANGER AND
SO? YOU'RE THE HERO! YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO GET US OUT OF DANGER!

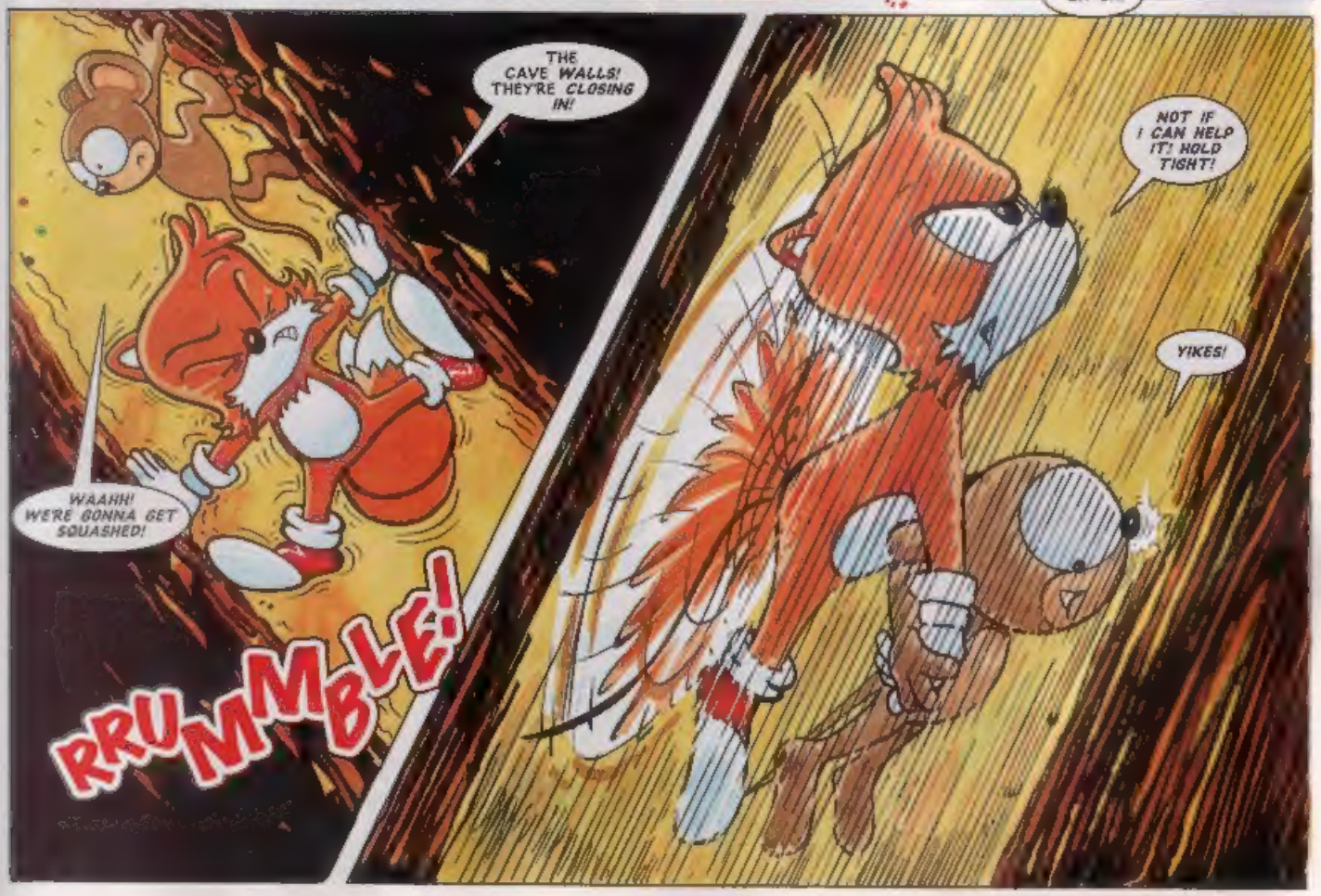

IT'S NOT ALWAYS THAT SIMPLE! (SIGH) OKAY LET'S MOVE
YAAY! YOU CAN DO IT TAILS! YOU CAN SAVE US FROM ANYTHING.

ONE MINUTE HE'S WHINING THE NEXT HE'S PRAISING ME WITH HERO WORSHIP! WONDER IF THAT'S HOW I SOUND TO SONIC?

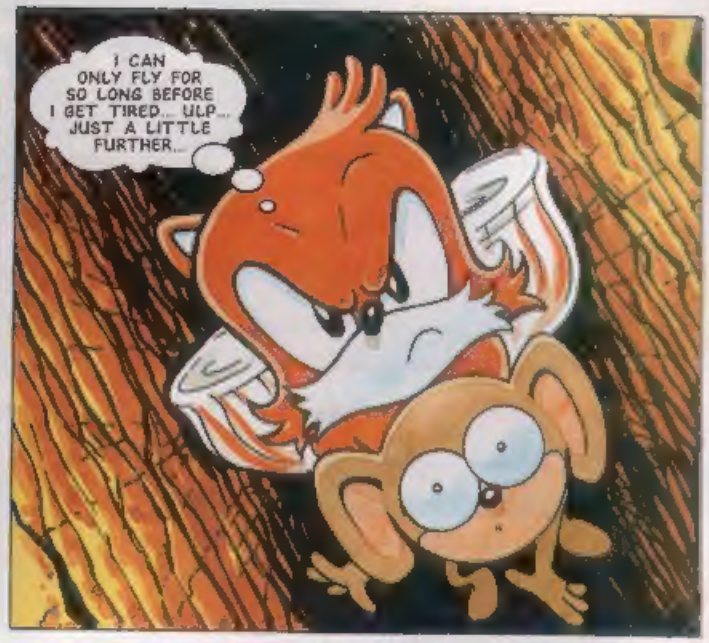
THE COMPANIONS WALK ON THROUGH THE CAVERNS, UNTIL...
TAILS! LOOK! DAY-LIGHT!
THAT'S OUR WAY OUT FOR SURE, TANTRUM! WELL SPOTTED!


LOOK OUT FOR ANY TRAPS, TANTRUM! WITH THE BADNIKS WE'VE ENCOUNTERED, IT'S OBVIOUS THIS PLACE WAS BUILT BY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'S–

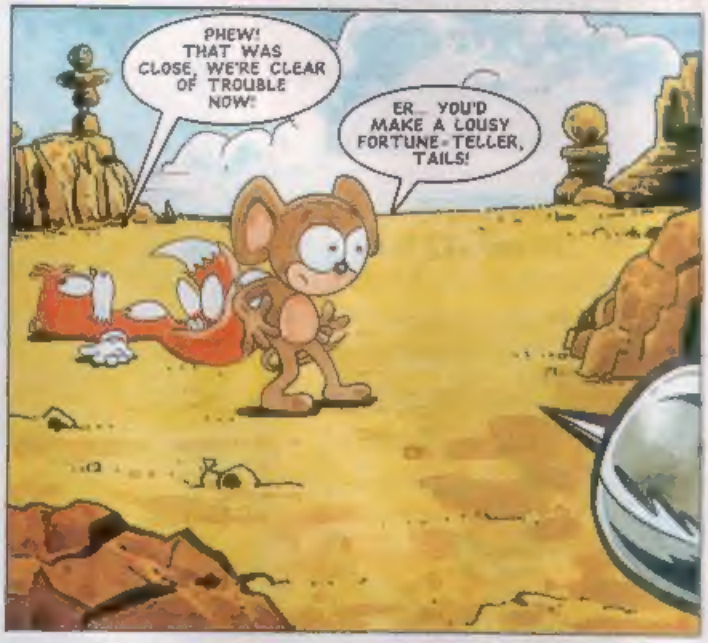
CLICK!
ULP!
UH-OH!

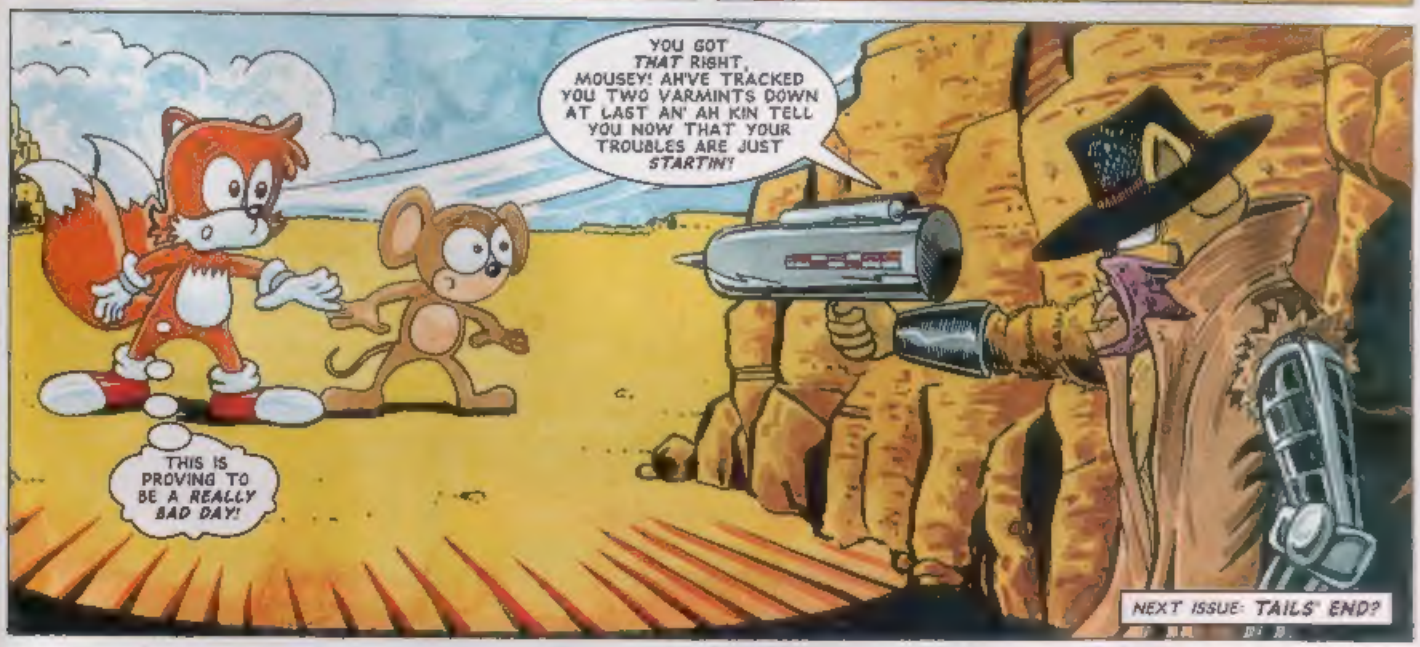

THE CAVE WALLS! THEY'RE CLOSING IN!
WAAHH! WE'RE GONNA GET SQUASHED!
RRUMMBLE!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT! HOLD TIGHT!
YIKES!

WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT! WAAHH!
TRUST ME, BUDDY! LIKE YOU SAID, I CAN SAVE US FROM ANYTHING!


I CAN ONLY FLY FOR SO LONG BEFORE I GET TIRED... ULP... JUST A LITTLE FURTHER...

WE DID IT!
RRRUMMBLE!
SKRRUNCH


PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE, WE'RE CLEAR OF TROUBLE NOW!
ER... YOU'D MAKE A LOUSY FORTUNE-TELLER, TAILS!


YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, MOUSEY! AH'VE TRACKED YOU TWO VARMINTS DOWN AT LAST AN' AH KIN TELL YOU NOW THAT YOUR TROUBLES ARE JUST STARTIN'!
THIS IS PROVING TO BE A REALLY BAD DAY!
NEXT ISSUE: TAILS' END?

READER REQUIREMENTS!

Dear Megadroid,

Could you please tell me if it's necessary to own a Sega system in order to read your comic?

Matthew Barnes, Leicester.
Super Nintendo owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

All that's essential, Matthew is an appreciation of mega artwork and good story-telling. Oh, and a sense of humour!

James Day, Peterborough.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Richard McCann, Liverpool, Merseyside.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

PRAISE THE HEDGEHOG!

Dear Megadroid,

I disagree with Peter Heard who said back in issue 69 that *STC* was going downhill. I thought, "Hey, dude, get a brain transplant!" *STC* is great!

Keith Miller, Woking, Surrey.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

My pleasure circuits were given a massive boost by the amount of Boomers who rushed to STC's defence. I believe that had I been a hume, I'd have been overcome by emotion!

WISH I WERE THERE!

Dear Megadroid,

I love your Segasational mag and would like to know more about the Planet Mobius. Please could you give me the exact location as I'd arranged to meet up with Sonic and the gang for my holiday.

James McDermott, Kingswinford.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

But James, how do I know you're not one of Doctor Robotnik's agents, trying to find Sonic's secret hideout?

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